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1. Leading personnel of the Pilsen-Skvrnany plant of Skoda National Enterprise\* include the following:
  - a. General Manager: Ing. Brabec, a Czech, about 30 years old, tall, with brown hair; a convinced Communist.
  - b. Administrative Assistant: Mamata.
  - c. Chief of the Political-Social Department: Nikles, 35 years old, tall, with red hair, married; a convinced Communist.
  - e. Chairman of the Plant KSC: Masak, about 25 years old, thin, with black hair; an ardent Communist.
  - f. Chairman of the Workers' Council: Dvorak.
  - g. Commander of the Plant Militia: Polak, 40 years old, short, with dark hair and a round face; an ardent Communist. The militia consists of between 400 and 500 men armed with rifles. The arms store contains machine guns, automatic rifles, pistols and hand grenades.
  - h. Commander of the Plant Security Police: Novak.
2. One of the major workshops of this plant is the machine shop, which employs about 1,000 workers, including about 100 women. Work in all shops is done in three shifts. Personnel of this shop include the following:
  - a. Production Manager: Kabes, a Czech, 35 years old, with fair hair, balding; a Communist.
  - b. Chief Foreman: Rot, about 38 years old, stout, a mild Communist and an expert in his field.

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- c. Assistant Foreman: Rednisch, 42-45 years old, 165 cm. tall, with gray hair; a Communist, inept.
- d. Chief of the power station: Ing. Vitnar, about 45 years old, short, with dark hair, brown eyes and a round face; a Communist under pressure.
- e. Chief of the boiler house: Ing. Ben, 35 years old, of medium build with light hair; a mild Communist.
- 3. Shop equipment includes:
  - a. 4 small locomotives
  - b. 1 large mobile crane
  - c. 4 small mobile cranes
  - d. 60 large lathes
  - e. 140 small lathes
  - f. 12 planing machines
  - g. 6 large milling machines
  - h. 20 large boring machines
  - i. 3 large grinding machines

Sixty percent of these machines are newer models. Two or three carloads of iron and steel are received daily from the Vitkovice Ironworks. Non-ferrous metals are in short supply. Production includes one large turbine and eight to ten small turbines in each two week period and one paper press per week. Two-thirds of the production is sent to the USSR.

- 4. The motor vehicle workshop consists of the following five sections:
  - Section I Tracks for light and heavy tanks; this section employs about 60 workers.
  - Section II Armored cars and half-tracks; this section employs about 600 workers and produces about 60 cars per month.
  - Section III Light tanks and parts for heavy tanks; this section employs about 750 workers and produces about 60 light tanks per month.
  - Section IV Armored cars and mobile airplane repair shops; 35 mobile repair shops are produced per month. The production chief of the section is Bures; the chief foreman is Sramek.
  - Section V Assembly of heavy tanks similar to the Soviet T-34 tank equipped with a cannon of about 100 mm. caliber.

- 5. Other workshops of the plant include:
  - a. Copper smithy which employs about 70 workers per shift and produces cooling systems for turbines and motor vehicles. Copper tubes are delivered by the Mannesmann Pipe Works in Chomutov; iron or steel pipes are supplied by the Vitkovice Ironworks and the Trinec Ironworks. Two or three carloads of pipe are used per week. The cooling systems are delivered to the machine shop for shipment to Tatra automobile plants and to other sections of the Skvrinsky plant. Equipment in this shop includes:
    - 1) X-ray machine
    - 2) 1 large electric swage hammer
    - 3) 3 lathes
    - 4) 1 bending machine
    - 5) 2 large boring machines

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- 6) 20 small boring machines
- 7) 1 rolling machine
- 8) 3 marking tables
- 9) 2 electric cutting machines
- 10) 2 oxy-acetylene welding machines
- 11) 21 electric welding machines
- b. Forge which employs about 800 workers in three shifts and produces wheels and axles for locomotives, railroad freight cars and tanks.
- c. Locomotive workshop which produces 12 to 15 locomotives per week.
- d. Armament workshop controlled and operated by the army.
- e. Gear shop, manufacturing all types and sizes of gears.
- f. Shop for the manufacture of fire control equipment for airplanes, tanks and guns.
- g. Foundries which produce heavy tank castings.

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